



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and security of Virginians is important to the prosperity and welfare of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, first responders, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics stand ready to provide compassionate, lifesaving care 24 hours per day, seven days per week, to dramatically improve the survival and recovery rate of those in sudden need of care; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical responders are supported by emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, educators, administrators, researchers, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, and others; and

WHEREAS, the people of our great Commonwealth are thankful for the work of more than 35,000 Emergency Medical Services providers and 600 agencies, who provide for the well-being and safety of our Commonwealth's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Stronger Together" represents the incredible commitment of emergency medical services providers to unify response efforts at a moment's notice, to complete required continuing education in order to deliver the highest quality prehospital care, and to provide community outreach that promotes the well-being of all people in Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize May 20-26, 2018, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth